



Ta'ang Civil Society Network-TCSN
Requesting PSLF/TNLA and MNTJP/MNDAA Forces
to
Refrain from Targeting Civilians
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1. We take great pride in the fact that the PSLF/TNLA and MNTJP/MNDAA are ethnic armed organizations that have fought against the military dictatorship, liberated ethnic minorities from oppression, and protected the people within their respective regions. We also pay tribute to all the martyrs and heroes who sacrificed their lives during the revolutionary struggle.
2. It has been more than a week since a military standoff began between PSLF/TNLA and MNTJP/MNDAA forces in Kutkai, northern Shan State, on 13 February 2026. During this period, tensions have escalated, leading to mutual hostilities, including injuries and the arrest of soldiers from both sides.
3. Consequently, the local population is being held hostage by this ongoing tension. Civilians have been subjected to targeted beatings, arbitrary arrests, movement restrictions, and blockades on the flow of goods. Furthermore, we have observed the spread of hate speech on social media platforms, using fabricated photos and videos to incite ethnic conflict and public violence.
4. As the MNTJP/MNDAA and PSLF/TNLA have undertaken an armed struggle to protect the people, we strongly urge them not to project inter-organizational disputes onto the public. We call for an immediate end to arrests, beatings, travel bans, goods restrictions, and all forms of violence against civilians. The TCSN urges both parties to resolve their disputes through dialogue and negotiation to reach a mutually acceptable solution as soon as possible.

Member Organizations:

- (1) Ta'ang Students and Youth Union - TSYU
- (2) Ta'ang Women's Organization - TWO
- (3) Ta'ang Legal Aid Foundation - TLAF
- (4) Ta'ang Health Organization - THO
- (5) Ta'ang Environmental Watch Group - TEWG
- (6) Ta'ang Education Institute - TEI